

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/077,606**

95. (Amended) A therapeutic agent for stimulating the immune system comprising an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, in monomer or dimer form, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

97. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

98. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

99. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

100. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

101. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

102. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 70, additionally comprising pharmaceutical excipient.

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103. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 72, additionally comprising a pharmaceutical excipient.

104. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 74, additionally comprising a pharmaceutical excipient.

105. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 78, additionally comprising a pharmaceutical excipient.